

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 958

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bonnie Fussell on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Fussell is one such estimable person who has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community and this State; and

WHEREAS, having served as an acclaimed radio broadcasting professional on radio station WQKR in Portland for the last eighteen years, Ms. Fussell will soon be taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, after an exemplary career as an educator, Bonnie Fussell began a second career as a print journalist at *The Portland Leader*, where her exceptional reporting won several Tennessee Press Awards over the course of her eight-year tenure; she has continued her in-depth reporting as a writer for *The Portland Sun* for the past six years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fussell began her exemplary career at WQKR as the producer of the program "The Women's Roundtable" on WQKR, which was an afternoon fixture on the radio station throughout the twelve years it aired; and

WHEREAS, for the past six years, she has served as the popular co-host of WQKR's "Good Morning, Portland"; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bristol, Bonnie Fussell is a graduate of Tennessee High School; she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education at Middle Tennessee State University and a Master of Science degree in Library Science as well as a Master of Arts degree in Reading at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, as an educator, Bonnie Fussell taught at Clyde Riggs Elementary School before transferring to Watt Hardison Elementary School to become a librarian; she also operated a private kindergarten school for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fussell was twice named Sumner County Teacher of the Year, and she was also honored as Teacher of the Year by the Tennessee Reading Association; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary thirty-three-year career as a teacher, Ms. Fussell worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community, Bonnie Fussell is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Xi Chapter, and serves on the boards of Good Neighbor Mission and Salvus Center; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Bonnie Fussell is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband of sixty years, Carl Fussell; her three children, Mike Fussell, Linda (Kai) Abelkis, Scott (Sue) Fussell; and her four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fussell and her husband reside in Portland and are active members of Portland Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, as an accomplished member of her profession and a respected leader in her community, Bonnie Fussell is a Tennessean of whom we can all be proud, and it is highly appropriate that we recognize such an esteemed teacher, journalist, and radio broadcasting professional; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Bonnie Fussell our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.